

House File 127 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring that public schools and accredited nonpublic
2 schools cause the pledge of allegiance to be recited at the
3 beginning of each school day.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 280.5, Code 2007, is amended to read as
1 2 follows:

1 3 280.5 DISPLAY OF UNITED STATES FLAG AND IOWA STATE FLAG ==
1 4 RECITATION OF PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

1 5 1. The board of directors of each public school district
1 6 and the authorities in charge of each nonpublic school shall
1 7 provide and maintain a suitable flagstaff on each school site
1 8 under its control, and the United States flag and the Iowa
1 9 state flag shall be raised on all school days when weather
1 10 conditions are suitable.

1 11 2. The board of directors of each public school and the
1 12 authorities in charge of each nonpublic school shall cause the
1 13 pledge of allegiance to be recited at the beginning of each
1 14 school day. Persons reciting the pledge of allegiance shall
1 15 stand holding their right hand over their heart. A student
1 16 shall not be compelled, against the student's objections or
1 17 those of the student's parent or guardian, to recite the
1 18 pledge of allegiance, but shall be required to maintain a
1 19 respectful silence. A nonpublic school is exempt from this
1 20 requirement if the authorities in charge of a nonpublic school
1 21 determine that this requirement conflicts with the school's
1 22 religious doctrines.

1 23 EXPLANATION

1 24 This bill requires the board of directors of each public
1 25 school and the authorities in charge of each accredited
1 26 nonpublic school to cause the pledge of allegiance to be
1 27 recited at the beginning of each school day. Persons reciting
1 28 the pledge of allegiance must stand holding their right hand
1 29 over their heart. A student shall not be compelled against
1 30 the student's objections, or those of the student's parent or
1 31 guardian, to recite the pledge, but shall be required to
1 32 maintain a respectful silence. A nonpublic school is exempted
1 33 if the requirement conflicts with the school's religious
1 34 doctrines.

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